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FOR CARVING A PUMPKIN )

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Amended Claims Compared to Previous Claims  
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In the Claims:

17. A method of carving shapes in the shell of a pumpkin or other fruit or vegetable by driving a cutting die element into the shell of the pumpkin or fruit or vegetable by striking the die element with a striking tool, and further comprises steps of:  
 using a cutting die element having a serrated cutting edge; and  
 forcing a portion of the serrated cutting edge into an outer surface of the shell with finger pressure to hold the die element in position on the shell before striking the die element with the striking tool.

18. A method as defined in claim 17 further comprising the steps of:  
 using a die element with tips on the serrated cutting edge; and  
 piercing the outer surface of the pumpkin shell with at least two of the tips of the serrated cutting edge to hold the die element in position prior to striking the die element with the striking tool.

19. A method as defined in claim 17 further comprising the steps of: